MAIL BOX THIEF CAUGHT?

A STOLEN CHECK PRESENTED THE FIFTH AVENUE BANK.

J. G. Cannon Had Posted the Check the Night Before in the Hex at Madieon Avenue and Pifty-fourth Street-Indoraement Forged-Principer Identified by Another Victim. Two well-dressed young men walked into the

Fifth Avenue National Bank at Fifth avenue and Forty-fourth street just before closing time yesterday afternoon, and one of them, stepping up to the paying teller's window, shoved a check through the opening and asked that it be certified. The check was drawn by James G. Cannon, Vice-President of the Fourth National Bank, to the order of Miss Hannah Smith, and was for \$81.50. Apparently Miss Smith had read the check. At least her name was on the back of it, the handwriting being plainly

Mr. Cannon is a director of the Fifth Avenue Bank, and it is a little unusual for anybody to ask for the certification of a check of his for so small amount. The tellers looked at the men, and the one who had handed in the check hastened to explain that he was a relative of Hannah Smith. "My name is Kennedy," he said. The teller turned the check over and over examining both sides of it and the man who had passed it in kept on explaining. Meantime Special Officer Carr, who is employed by the bank, had been riz ing up the strangers.

Finally the teller said the request was ur usual and he would not certify the check until Frank Dean, the cashier, had seen it. Mr. Dean was at his desk in the front of the bank. The teller pointed him out and the strangers went The special officer followed them. He recalled a circular issued by Post Office Inspec tor Ashe some time ago asking bankers and bank employees to look out for checks presented by strangers who might be mail box thieves. The circular contained a description of one of the mail box thieves who was known, and this description fitted the man who had the check. To the cashier the man with the check said his name was Kennedy; that he had a relative named Hannah Smith, and that she had given the check to him with the request that he stop at the bank on his way downtown and get it certified. Mr. Dean took the check, and the oddity of the request occurred to him, as it had to the teller. He read the indorsement "Han-nah Smith," and and: "Why didn't she come herself! Where does she live?" "She lives 'way up town at 32 East 116th street," said the man, "and, as I was coming downtown, she asked me if I wouldn't stop and have it done for her."

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"I don't see why she wants a check for that amount made by Cannon certified," said Mr. Dean, and the man said:

"Oh, well, she didn't want to have any trouble about it going around to the stores where she isn't well known, I suppose."

The special officer, who had continued his inspection of the men, was more and more convinced that the man with the check was the man Post Office Inspector Ashe was after. When Mr. Dean invited the stranger to a seat in his office while he went to "fax up" the certification, the special officer took Mr. Dean aside and told him his suspicions. Mr. Dean went to the private telephone and called up Mr. Cannon. Mr. Cannon said that he had made such a check the night before to the order of his daughter's music teacher. He could not understand how it would be presented by two strangers for earlification. Mr. Dean asked him where the music teacher lived, and Mr. Cannon replied that she lived at 126 West Sixty-sixth street. Mr. Dean told him that the man who had the check had said that the woman lived in 116th street. Mr. Cannon said there surely must be something wrong. He said he had posted the check in the mail box at the corner of Fitty-fourth street and Madison avenue.

Mr. Dean then called up Post Office Inspector ashe and told him what had happened and what Mr. Cannon had said about posting the letter. The inspector said he would come up and he advised Mr. Dean to detain the men or to turn them over to the police. Next Mr. Dean seen a messenger post haste to 126 West Sixty-sixth street with instructions to bring Miss Smith to the bank in a hurry. Then he told the special officer to have city policemen handy, and he went back to his office and had a little further talk with the men. They were nervous and said that cerk was busy certifying the checken of the police men O'Neili and Crotty of the East Fifty-

ittle further talk with the men. They were nervous and said they were in a hurry. He told them he had merely been looking up the account and that a clerk was busy certifying the check.

At this point the special officer got back with Policemen O'Neill and Crotty of the East Fifty-first street station. A few minutes later Miss Smith arrived. Mr. Dean asked the young woman if she had received a check from Mr. Cannon. She said she had not, though she was expecting one. Mr. Dean asked her if she had given a check to the man kennedy. She said she had never seen the man before in her life. The man laughed and insisted that she had given the check to him. Miss Smith protested. Mr. Dean turned the men over to the policemen, who took them to the East Fifty-first street station. On the way the man who had said his name was Kennedy took a piece of paper from his pocket and tore it up. The policemen gathered up the pieces, while the prisoners laughed at them. At the said he was 30 years old, was a clerk, and lived at 277 Grand street, Brooklyn. The other man said he was George Watson, 30 years old, a salesman, of 220 East Eighty-sixth street. He said he knew nothing about the check, but that he had known the other man a long time, and, just happening to meet him, had walked into the bank with him.

The men were searched and locked up. They had very little money. Pennyston had a bunch of keys. After locking the men up the police fitted togother the bits of paper, but they could not make head or tail of them.

Post Office Inspector Ashe arrived in a little while, bringing with him George E. Shea, a salesman for E. O. Thomuson, clothier. A month ago Shea sold a suit of clothing to a man who paid for it with a chack, the indorsement on which was a forgery. It turned out that the check had been malled and had disappeared. The prisoners were brought up to the Catatain's room. When Shea saw the clothing worn by the man who had given two names he said: That's the very suit sold to him.'

Penayston was questioned again. He persiste

REVOLUTIONARY MACHINE WINS, The Sons of the Revelution Act Just Like Bad

Shortly after the Sons of the Revolution met last night at the Windsor Hotel for the purpose of nominating a list of candidates to be voted for at the annual meeting on Washington's Birthday, Lawyer Edward A. Sumner, a member, took the floor and pitched into the society's system of nominating officers in a speech that

lasted over an hour.
It was known that Lawyer Sumner was going to contend for a radical amendment of the society's elective system and there was a large atety's elective system and there was a large attendance of members. Three amendments to
the constitution had been introduced by opponents of the present system, which, as they
made evident, were designed to curtail the
power of the managers to "perpetuate
themselves in office." The amendments
provided that each member should receive, at
least fifteen days' before the annual meeting, a
blanket ballot with the names of candidates,
and that he should have the right to vote against
any candidate by simply drawing a line in ink
over the name of the candidate he objected to.
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Chauncey M. Depew presided last night, and he smiled quite frequently while Lawyer Sumer was pouring hot shot into the Nominating Committee. A leisurely vote was taken on the amendments while the Revolutionary Sons supperf. It was announced afterward that the vote was in favored. supped. It was announced afterward that the vots was in favor of the present system of nominating candidates. Dr. Depow beamed as he said to a StN reporter: "Well, this a great story for This StN. The machine wins again. It wins in a club just as it wins in a political organization."

Sing Sing's Old Silver Mine Responed.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Clinton S. Arnold, a civil engineer, living in this village, believes he has discovered a voin of silver ore on his property known as Mount Murray, south of sing Sing. The mine was operated sixty years ago. After working it for a time the operators severed the opening and disappeared.

SOLA'S PROSECUTION.

only the Reterbany Court Charges to Be E amined at the Trial.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUR. Paris, Jan. 21.—The text of the summons ssued to M. Zols and M. Perreux, manager of he Aurore, shows an adroit move on the part of the Government.

The Dreyfusites aim at the fullest publicity on the trial, but the prosecution has selecte only those passages in M. Zola's letter to Prosi-dent Faure which are mild compared with some of the more vehement accusations contained therein.

These passages are three, all of which are confined to attacks upon the court-martial which tried Count Esterhazy and accuse the court of criminally acquitting him in obedience to orders nd in defiance of truth and justice.

Thus the specific charges made by M. Zola against Gens. Mercier, Billot, Pellieux, and Ravary and Major du Paty de Clam are all ignored, leaving M. Zola only a semblance of the prosecution be courted. If the prosecution sable to confine the case to this charge and obtain a conviction on it the Government may obtain a conviction on it the Government may emerge from the ordeal of Feb. 7 with flying colors, not fearing the publicity of the Assize Court, whose doors would hardly dare to close even if they wore constitutionally able. Meanwhile interest is centred in M. Cavaig-nac's interpellation on the Dreyfus affair, which will come up in the Chamber of Deputies to-morrow.

morrow.

Nothing has transpired to reveal the inten-tions of the Government. If it should decline to discuss the interpellation it is likely to render its position extremely critical.

MORE FRENCH TARIFF ON OILS. The Ministers Promise a Deputation to Increase the Duttes.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, Jan. 21.—A deputation visited Prime Minister Meline and M. Boucher, Minister of commerce, to-day, and asked them to increase the duties on foreign oils and oil seeds. The Ministers promised that the Government would arrange the tariff on the articles specified to the satisfaction of the deputation. The action of the oil men in seeking increased duties is directed against the importation of American oils and oil seeds.

English Strike Settlement Still Hangs Fire.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 21.-The Executive Committee of the Federated Employers, in view of the attiude of the allied trades unionists, has advised the members of the employers' federation not to reopen their works on Monday, as they had de-

The Fairfield Shipbuilding Company of Glas-The Fairneid Shipbuilding Company of Glasgow paid off the remaining 600 of its locked-out engineers this evening.

A hitch in the resumption of work arises with the engineers outside of London, who did not at the outset of the strike include among their demands a working week of forty-eight hours. These men are now refusing to resume work until the proposals made by the employers in regard to the management of workshops are abated.

India's New Financial Plan. Special Cable Despatch to TRE SUR.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 21.—The Council of the Gov-ernor-General has passed the bill introduced by Sir James Westland, the financial member of the Council, providing for the issue of notes the Council, providing for the issue of notes against gold, to be withdrawn from the account of the Indian Government in the Bank of England, the gold so withdrawn to remain ware-noused in the bank. The bill was amended, however, with the condition that the option is given to the Secretary of State for India of paying gold into the Treasury, provided that India pays an equal sum into the currency reserve here.

Unionist Majority Cut Bown.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. DUBLIN, Jan. 21 .- A Parliamentary bye elecion was held to-day in the St. Stephen's Green division of this city to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the elevation of

air, William Kenny, Solicitor-General for Ire-land, to the judicial bench.

The Unionists retained the seat, but by a re-duced majority, their candidate, Mr. Campbell, receiving 3.535 votes, against 3.387 cast for his opponent. Count Plunkett, Parnellite. At the general election Mr. Kenny's majority was 456, while to-day the Unionists won by a majority of only 148.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

Papin Jan. 21.-Sarah Bernhardt has interrupted the performances of "Les Mauvais Ber gers" for the purpose of creating the character of Anne, the blind heroine of Gabriel d'Annunzio's drama. "La Ville Mort."

The critics regard the tragedy as monotonous and morbid, and not suited to the stage, though it was a brilliant literary production. Bernhardt acted her part with her usual tenderness and grace.

British Steamer Lord O'Neill Lost; Crew Saved.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. LIMERICK, Jan. 21.-The steamer Kincora arred here to day with the crew of the B steamer Lord O'Neill, from Baltimore Jan. 6 for Belfast, which foundered on Blasket Islands, on the west coast of Ireland, on Wednesday night in a thick fog. The crew of the Lord O'Neill were rescued with difficulty and at great risk to the rescuers.

Germany Won't Object to Prince George fo

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. RERLIN. Jan. 21,-Some surprise has been caused here by the semi-official announcement that Germany will not object to the appoint-ment of Prince George of Greece as Governor of Crete, provided the powers are unanimous in agreeing to his Governorship of the island.

Steamer Marcon Stranded; Four Drowned. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The British steamer Mareca s stranded on St. Gowan's Head, Wales, She went ashore in a fog. Thirteen of her crew were saved, four were drowned, and six are missing.

FELL FROM ELEVATED TRAIN. Passenger Mortally Injured While Trying

Herman Jospe, a portrait painter, of 641 East 155th street, was perhaps mortally injured yesterday by falling from a south-bound train on he Suburban Elevated road at Third avenue and 156th street to the pavement, a distance of

about thirty-five feet.

It was about 10:30 o'clock in the morning when Jospe ran up the stairs in haste to catch a train which was halting to take on passengers. The gates had been closed, and Conductor Frederick Johnson had signalled the engineer to go ahead, when Jospe grabbed up his ticket, dropped it in the box, and rushed through dropped it in the box, and rushed through the station to the platform. The ticket office is thirty-five feet long, and it is at the south end of the platform. The engine and one car had nearly passed the forward end of the station when Jospe reached the platform. He ran and jumped on the narrow ledge outside the closed fron gate of the front platform of the second car. He was carried the whole length of the station. The space between the closed gate, which he was unable to open, and the side of the ticket room was barely wide enough to allow him to pass.

The scraping of his body along the outside of the building attracted the attention of Ticket Chopper Abraham Pinshaw, and he ran out to the platform and shouted to the engineer to stop termin. The engineer did this as quickly as possible.

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Before he could halt the train the painter had been dragged past the building which had held him on the car. As he reached the open space alongside the staircase leading to the stairon he lost his grip on the gate and fell to the street between the balusters of the staircase and the girders on which the rails lay. His skull was fractured and he was otherwise injured. He was removed to the Fordham Hospital.

LUEIGERT ON THE STAND.

Tells the Story of His Life in the Trial for Wife

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.-Adolph L. Luetgert took the witness chair just before noon to testify in his own behalf in his trial for murder. The first part of the morning session was devoted to the cross-examination of Louis Luctgert, the prisoner's 13-year-old son. After his dismissal the defence called two minor witnesses.

Attorney Harmon drew from Luctgert a detailed story of his life and his career from his talicastory of his life and his career from his arrival in Chicago in 1806, with 3 cents in his pocket, to the day he could boast of a fortune of \$200,000. Then came the story of the reversal of his fortune, the disappearance of his wife, and his arrest and trial for murder.

Lucigert wept when he referred to his first wife, who died in 1877, but there was no emotion manifested when he spoke of his second wife. His story was listened to by the largest crowd that has thus far attended the trial. It was not completed and will be resumed to-morrow.

LEGISLATION AT ALBANY.

A BILL TO ESTABLISH A NEW AL-DERMANIC DISTRICT IN THIS CITY.

there to Prevent the Adulteration of Food and Fraudulent Auction Mairs, to Limit the Hours of Labor of Drug Clerks, and to Impose a License Fee on Microles. ALBANY, Jan. 21.-Assemblyman Redington Dem., N. Y.) introduced to-day an amendment

to the New York charter establishing a new Aldermanic district in New York city, by providing that an Alderman shall be elected from that part of the Thirty-fourth Assembly district ocated north of the Harlem River in Bronx borough, and one in that part of the district south of the Harlem in Manhattan borough. Assemblyman Finn (Dem., N. Y.) introduced to-day a bill which provides that no person shall manufacture or sell, on penalty of \$100, wheat and in 1960 he became known as a very strong player. He devoted much time to the study of

starch, or any foreign substance whatever; eread, pies, cakes, pastry, or confectionery made from such mixed flour; candy, licorice, or confectionery containing glucose or grape sugar; cane molasses, cane syrup, maple syrup, or maple molasses containing glucose or grape sugar syrup; preserves, jellies or other article of food containing glucose or glucose syrup, unless the product be marked "adulter-ated." It provides further that glucose shall ot be used in the manufacture of beer or ale, except as the same is formed by the action of the diastase in the malt upon the starch in the grain, and that no refuse from glucose factories shall be exposed for sale, on penalty of \$100.

Assemblyman Oliver (Dem., N. Y.) introduced bill providing that upper berths in sleeping cars shall not be lowered unless occupied, under penalty of \$50 for each violation. It would deprive the sleeping car companies of revenue from persons who want the upper berth closed and who now pay for a whole section. This bill is an old-timer, and it hasn't turned up before for years, perhaps not since the Sage of Paradise Park was in the Assembly before, a dozen years

for years, perhaps not since the Sage of Paradise Park was in the Assembly before, a dozen years ago.

Assemblyman Sullivan (Dem., N. Y.) introduced the Austin bill of last year to prevent fraudulent auction sales and empowering the State Comptroller to appoint an agent, at a salary of \$3,000, to secure the revocation of auctioneers licenses where the law is violated. Assemblyman Armstrong introduced his Good Hoads bill, which was outlined in The SUN a few days ago, and which has the approval of Gov. Black.

Assemblyman McKeewn introduced a bill providing that no pharmacist or druggist's employee engaged in compounding prescriptions shall be permitted to work more than ten hours on any week day other than Saturday, for which the limit is fixed at twelve hours, nor more than aix hours on Sunday or a legal holiday. An employee is not probibited from working an hour overtime or any day except Sunday for the purpose of providing a shorter workday, but no employee shall work more than sixty-six hours a week. Druggists' employees may sleep in a room adjoining the store if it is properly ventilated, but not in the storeroom or connecting laboratory. Local Boards of Health may adopt additional regulations to prevent accidents in the preparation and compounding of prescriptions as the public security may require.

Senator Nussbaum introduced a bill authorizing the Supervisors of any county to imposs license fees on cycles of from 25 cents to \$1 a year, and to appoint side path Commissioners, to use the money in constructing side paths. The Commissioners may make rules governing speed and the use of lamps, violations of which are made punishable by fines of \$5, the proceeds to go into the side path fund of the county.

Among the other bills introduced in the Senate were these:

Senator Stewart—Appropriating \$50,000 for the establishment of a State truant school, to supersede all local truant schools and to be conducted by four

Senator Stewart-Appropriating \$50,000 for the establishment of a State truant school, to superseds all local truant schools, and to be conducted by four managers and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
Senator Sullivan—To establish a public park in New York city bounded by Houston, Elizabeth, Prince, and Mott streets.

Senator Raines—Appropriating \$100,000 for the establishment of a normal and training school at Lyons, Wayne county.

These bills were introduced in the Assembly: Mr. Bondy—Exempting from taxation a hond, debt, or other demand secured by mortgage or frust deed upon all real estate to an amount not exceeding the value of the real estate over prior incumbrances hereon.
Mr. Cross—Appropriating \$108,000 for additions to be Soldiers and Saliers' Home at Bath.

Mr. Cross-appropriating \$108,000 for additions to the Soldiers and Saliers' Home at Bath. Mr. Armstrong-Providing that the mechanies' lien shall not apply to the conditional sale of law books, law blanks, and law office supplies. Mr. Gale-Appropriating \$50,000 for completing and enlarging the State Normal School at Jamalea and for grading and paving the grounds. Mr. Lowenthal-Relieving St. Luke's Church in New York city from a portion of an assessment for open-ing and extending St. Nicholas avenue.

Report of the Board of Regents.

ALBANY, Jan. 21 .- The report of the Board of Regents shows a remarkable growth of higher ducational interests in the State. The number of teaching institutions in the university has increased to 688. The universities, colleges, professional and technical schools remain the same in number, while the incorporated academies have fallen from 128 to 119. The gain is in the high schools, the number having increased in one year from 421 to 485. In the 688 institutions there are faculties with a total of 3,775 men and 2,671 wemen, and the total number of students is 43,146 men and 33,325 women. The netproperty has increased to \$87,460,783, while the expenditures of the last year reached \$9,055,572.

New Call for Bids on Canal Bonds. ALBANY, Jan. 21.-State Comptroller Roberts

announced to-day that he would to-morrow be-\$3,230,000 of 3 per cent. canal improvement bonds, the sale of which was to have been held two weeks ago. The bids under the new call must all be turned over to the Comptroller by Feb. 18, when they will be opened and the bonds awarded. gin advertising again for bids for the issue of the

To Protect the Interests of Working Girls. ALBANY, Jan. 21.—The Consumers' League of the city of New York was incorporated to-day o ameliorate the condition and protect the interests of working women and shop girls. The incorporators are: Mrs. Frederick Nathan, Mrs. H. M. Dewees, Miss Annie Stone, Miss L. F. Cald-well and Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, all of New York city.

HARLEM'S THIRD AVENUE BRIDGE. Won't Be Open Until Spring-Is the Union Subway Company Responsible !

The Third avenue bridge over the Harlem River, which was to have been opened to traffic last Thanksgiving Day, will not be at the service of the public until some time in the spring, after there has been some warm weather to permit the completion of work on the structure and on the north approach that cannot be done in the

the completion of work on the structure and on the north approach that cannot be done in the winter season. The changes in the plans made during the last year and a half have been the means of throwing the whole matter of the time of completion of the bridge practically into the general contractor's hands. The general contractor hands. The general contractor hands. The general contractor hands as everal subcontractor, Isaac A. Hopper, has had several subcontractor at work for him.

Last month, while the Union Subway Company was laving some electric cables under the river to connect the annexed district and the Bronx territory with Manhattan Island for the telephone company, the Union Company's men moved the draw-span of the bridge from time to time to get it out of the way of their dredge. Mr. Hopper protested against this, as, he said, he had agreed with the Joseph Edwards Company, which was putting in the machinery to move the draw, that the draw should not be moved while the concern was at work on it, excent with the company's consent.

Gen. Collis permitted the subway people to go ahead, as they engaged to make good all damage which they might cause. Ir. moving the bridge in the manner they did, pulling it around with their own machinery, they threw some of the machinery that was intended to move it somewhat out of gear. This has got to be readjusted before the bridge can be worked properly. The work of putting the complicated machinery back into alignment will be comparatively slight. Chief Engineer George W. Birdsall, who is familiar with the conditions at the bridge, said that it might cost from \$3.000 to \$5.000. The telephone people are, he says, responsible for it. Mr. Hopper told some reporters yesterday that the subway workers' big dredge-cucket had, on its upward course, struck the bridge about forty feet from its central support, and, besides breaking four feet of ornamental iron from it, had thrown the whole span, weighing 2.000 tons, out of adjustment.

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A Deed Made in 1744 Recorded at Jamaica.

An old deed written on parchment and dated May 1, 1744, was recorded in the office of County Clerk John H. Sutphin at Jamaica, L. I. resterday. The property is situated at Foster's Meadow, and the deed was made by George Evert, and Lamettie Bergen, Abraham Demun, and Abraham Van Nostrand to John Vannor Strandt for two plots of land comprising 138 acres, the consideration being #270.

Life Soutence for Murdorer Helcelbern

Conrad Heicelberz, who has been on trial in Richmond, S. I., since Monday, charged with the murder of Thomas McSorley on Oct, 11 at Problishion Park, was yesterday found guilty of murder in the second degree. Justice Kel-logg sentenced him to life imprisonment in Sing Sing.

C. A. GILBERG FOUND DEAD IN BED. The Noted Chess Player Beltered to Hav

Charles Alexander Gilberg, the noted chest player, was found dead in bed at his home, 200 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday morning. His head was buried in the pillow, and it was the opinion of the doctors who were called that he was suffocated while in a fit. His health has

been poor for some time.

Mr. Gilberg was one of the most prominent chess enthusiants of this country, and was known all over the world as a player, composer f problems, writer, and organizer of clubs. He was born at Camden, N. J., on June 17, 1835. After studying at the College of the City of New York be entered business and became the manager and later a partner in the firm of Thomas Owen & Co. of 65 South street. Mr. Gilberg played chess when a mere boy

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the game and soon distinguished himself as a very able composer of problems. He was a judge in many national and international problem tournaments, and only ten days ago consented to act with F.M. Teed as judge in an international tournament to be arranged by THE SUN. He held the office of President of the Brooklyn Chess Club for many years, and during his term of office the club across the bridge gained much in reputation. About thirteen months ago he was elected President of the Manhattan Chess Club, and on Jan. 6 he was relected for another year to the same office.

As a writer he made himself known by editing the book on the "Fifth American Chess Congress," which was published in 1890. He published in 1890 a book entitled "Crumbs from the Chessboard," a collection of problems composed by himself. It was not put on the market, but conies were presented by Mr. Gliberg to his friends. Together with Engene B. Cook and W. R. Henry he edited "American Chess Nuts" in 1868. He possessed the second largest chess library in the United States. He was ever ready to support any movement toward popularizing the game of chess, especially in the Empire State. He was one of the founders of the New York State Chess Association and its President for many years, retiring from this office only three years ago. It is said that he was one of the principal editors of the "American Chess in his death and one which will be felt by all chess players. Mr. Gilberg leaves a widow and one daughter, who is married to William M. de Visser, the chess expert.

MATTHEW H. GREGORY DEAD.

He Owned the Marine Graveyard at Great Neck, to Which Many an Old Ship Went. Matthew H. Gregory, proprietor of a marine graveyard at Great Neck, L. I., died at his home there on Wednesday of pneumonia. He was born in England in 1834, and leaves a widow. ix sons and three daughters.

Mr. Gregory made a business of buying old Mr. Gregory made a business of buying old ships, breaking them up, and selling such materir is as had any value. He purchased several men-of-war among other condemned vessels. One of them was the Illinois, which was begin at Philadelphia and was never completed. Last summer he bought and broke up the steamer Dessoug, which brought the Obelisk to this country, and also the steamer J. B. Schuyler. He had in his yard parts of many famous old vessels. Once he bought at a bargain a brig that had come into Brooklyn so full of fleas that she was abandoned and sold. He got rid of the fleas, and the vessel is still ploughing the seas.

William B. Kendall, President of the Bigelow Carpet Company, died at his home, 68 First place, Brooklyn, yeaterday, of apoplexy. He was in his sixty-seventh year, and had lived in the First place house since his arrival from New England over thirty years ago. He had been identified with the Bigelow Company for forty years. He had been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1875. He was Vice-President of the Brooklyn Library and a member of the Brooklyn Library and a member of the Brooklyn Club, the Hamilton Club, the Apollo Club, the Merchants' Club of New York and the Long Island Historical Society. He was a trustee of the Merchants Club, the was a trustee of the Merchants Astional Bank and was interested in other financial institutions. Some years ago he served as a Park Commissioner. He leaves a widow, a son, William B. Kendall, Jr., and a daughter, who is married to Col. Albert E. Lamb. The fineral services will be held at the house on Monday afternoon.

Thomas F. Kerrigan, who was known for

Monday afternoon.

Thomas F. Kerrigan, who was known for years among the Irish societies of this city and vicinity as the champion Irish piper, is dead. He was born in county Longford, Ireland, 55 years ago, and came to this country in 1856. He attracted attention at once by his skill as a piper and as a dancer of Irish jigs. He saved his earnings, and nearly a quarter of a century ago opened at 316 West Forty-second street an old-fashioned ale house. It became a resort for sporting men and a headquarters for shuffleboard players and reel and clog dancers. Kerrigan himself played the pipes there nightly. He was a member of Tammany Hall, of the Catholic Benevolent Legion, and of the American Order of United Workmen. He leaves six children.

John Reinhardt, former Sheriff of Hudson John Reinhardt, former Sheriff of Hudson county, N. J., died at his home, 406 Charles street, West Hoboken, yesterday morning, after an illness of five years. He was born in Hayre, France, of German parentage, in 1838, and came to this country when ten months old. He lived in Union Hill, N. J., for many years, and was elected to the offices of Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, School Trustee, Justice of the Peace, and Recorder. He was Sheriff of Hudson county for three years. He leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters.

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Leonard B. Johnson, famous in Ohio history as the "King of Johnson's Island," died yesterday at Sandusky. His age was 91. He went to Sandusky sixty-six years ago. At one time he was the wealthiest man in that recton, but in later years adversity overtook him, and even now Johnson's Island is encumbered with mortages. For purchased that spot for a small sum in 1852, and after the war refused an offer of \$100,000 for it, which was made by the Government, the plan being to establish a military park and arsenal there. Mr. Johnson leaves a widow and two sons.

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Mrs. Esther Meads died yesterday at the home of her daughter in Troy, in her ninety-seventh year. She was a member of the Society of Friends, and at one time lived with the Friends at Wilmington, Del. Her father, John Wibert, was one of the earliest settlers of Saratoga Springs and one of the Revolutionary heroes who nurried to resist the invasion of Gen. Burgoyne from Canada.

Gen. Nathan Kimball ded vesterday evening.

Gen. Burgoyne from Canada.

Gen. Nathan Kimball died yesterday evening at Ogden. Utah. Gen. Kimball began military life as a Captain of a company in the Mexican war and at the close of the civil war was a Brevet Major-General. After the war he gwas twice elected State Treasurer of Indiana and later was appointed Surveyor-General of Utah by President Grant. He served two terms a Postmaster of Ogden. He was 70 years of age. Postmaster of Ogden. He was 70 years of age.
William Browster, Secretary and Treasurer
of the Krie and Pittsburg Railroad, died in
Eric, Pa., last night of apoplexy. He had been
associated with the late Hon, William L. Scott
during the latter's business career in Eric. Mr.
Browster was earlier associated with what is
now the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern
Railroad. He was 70 years old and leaves a
widow.

samuel P. Axtell of Brooklyn died yesterday at his country home at Beliport, L. I. He was born in New York city and was 72 years of age. For many years he was connected with the Brooklyn City Works Department. He was a well-known writer on hydraulic engineering.

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M. Bazia, the marine engineer who invented the so-called roller steamboat, is dead in Paris. The boat was a contrivance like the hull of an ordinary ship and similarly propelled, but mounted on rollers designed to lessen the friction of the waves by rolling over them.

Judge John M. Scott, former Chief Justice of the Hitnois Supreme Court, died yesterday in Bloomington, Ill., of the effects of a large carbuncle on his neck. Judge Scott was an Hilnois pioneer, going from Virginia to that State. He was Chief Justice for three terms.

Mrs. Isabel Simpson Higbee, wife of Lieut. Col. John Henley Higbee, commandant of the marine harracks at the navy yard in Brooklyn, died on Thursday of pneumonia. The interment will take place at Portsmouth. N. H.

Peter M. Carmichael, one of the oldest resi-

Peter M. Carmichael, one of the oldest residents of Albany, died yesterday in his eighty-

THE MONETARY CONVENTION. Roll of Delegates New Numbers 867 and 400 Expected to Attend.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21.—The roll of dele rates selected by different cities to the coming nonetary convention now numbers 367 and monetary convention now numbers 367 and there is a likelihood that it will reach 400, or 100 more than attended the convention one year ago. Letters from many boards of trade and commercial organizations congratulate the committee on the commission's report, but the South and far West o not appear to be entering cordially into the project, and letters from these sections are few and far between. All arrangements here have been perfected for the meeting, and the delegates will begin to arrive on Mouday.

New York at the Menetary Convention. The Merchants' Association received a despatch on Wednesday from H. H. Hanna, Chairman of the Monetary Convention which is Chairman of the Monetary Convention which is to meet in Indianapolis next week, asking that it send five delegates to the convention. The association at once wired Mr. Hasna that his request would be complied with, and the following have been appointed: Alva Trowbridge, Vice-President of the National Bank of North America, Chairman; Itichard J. Cross of Moreton, Bliss & Co., James McGreery of James McGreery & Co., tiyases D. Eddy of Fliat, Eddy & Co., and James B. Dill of Dill, Seymour & Kellogg. The delegation will leave for Indianapolis next Monday morning.

FLED FROM A CONVENT.

PUPIL OF ST. URSULA'S TAKES REFUGE WITH HER MOTHER.

the Is a Protestant and Bidn't Like the Catholic School's Discipline...The Sisters Alarmon Until They Learned Where She Was-Hov She Escaped Has Not Been Made Apparent. Mabel Preece, a 16-year-old girl, who has

been a pupil in the Mouat St. Ursula Academy, at Bedford Park, this city. ran away from that institution early last Mon-day moraing and came downtown to her nother's home in the flat house at 213 West Thirty-fourth street. The Mother Superior of the convent and the Sisters in charge have been at their wit's ends since the girl's departure to Impression that her father and mother were in the West and that she had no relatives i this vicinity to whom she could go. They learned that the girl was safe with her mother only yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. Preece's maid called at the convent and informed them that Mabel was all right. The maid brought back a coat belonging to one of the other pupils in the convent, which Mabel snatched up by mistake in her haste to get away.

The Mount St. Ursula Academy is a Roman Catholic institution at 200th street and Tra-verse road, a locality known as Bedford Park. There are about eighty girl pupils in the convent, some of them day scholars. The fifty of sixty boarders are kept under strict surveillance by the Sisters and are not allowed to go out alone or even to sleep in the dormitor!

The Preece girl, who is very pretty, was

alone.

The Preece girl, who is very pretty, was admitted to the convent on Nov. 11 last. Her mother, Mrs. Louise Preece, told the Mother Superior that the girl was of the Protestant fatth, but that she wanted her brought up in a Catholic school. She added that she was a Western woman, that Mr. Preece was in business in Chicago, and that she had brought her daughter East to place her in that partcular convent. She was stopping temporarily at 509 Fifth avenue, she said, but expected to return to Chicago in a few days.

On Monday morning, when the pupils in the school gathered for chappel at 7 o'clock, the Preece girl was missed. A search was made for her, but no trace of the girl could be found. The sister who slept in the dormliory was sure that she had seen the girl safely in bed the night before. She had not been awakened during the night by any unusual noise, and had no idea when Miss Preece left the dormitory.

A telegram was sent to Mrs. Preece at 509 Fifth avenue at once, but word came back that she had left that address and gone West. A letter was then sent with a request that it be forwarded to Mrs. Preece, wherever she was. Meanwhile the sisters were badly scared. They had no idea what had befallen the girl, and, feeling that responsibility for her rested on them, they did everything in their power to get some trace of her.

"My daughter simply left the school," said Mrs. Preece last night, "because she thought I was ill. I have always visited ber on Sundays, but last Sunday I did not because I had wrenched my knee. I sent my maid instead. Mabel concluded that if I was too ill to come to her I must be pretty sick, and she worried so that on Tuesday she just decided to come to the I must be pretty sick, and she worled so that on Tuesday she just decided to come to me. She waked out of the convent and went to my old address on Fifth avenue, not knowing that I had moved. When she found I wasn't there she went to a friend's house and they hunted me. That all there is to it. The girl merely disobeyed the ru

Ferfermance of the "Meistersinger" by the

The first performance this season of Wagner's comedy, "Die Meistersinger," went off last even-ing both with solid steadiness and an enlivening rispness. Following is a list of the artists who

.Damrosch

"Die Meistersinger" is undoubtedly the ably the most difficult one ever written although what may be laid away upon the shelves of American composers nobody knows, and therefore a positive estimate

DE FREEST GIVES UP HIS JOB. Will Quit the Railroad Commission on Feb. and May Live in This City.

n employee of the State Board of Railroad Commissioners. For a number of years he was Secretary to the Commissioners. Recently he was superseded by John S. Kenyon of Syracuse and was appointed to have charge of the crossroads inspection of the department. His resig roads inspection of the department. His resignation of this place is to take effect on Feb. 1.

Mr. De Freest has always lived in Troy, and for a number of years was Secretary of the Democratic State Committee. He has always been a lieutenant of Senstor Edward Murphy, Jr. For the last few days Mr. De Freest has been in New York city adjusting the books and papers of the City Court. He is at present at the Manhattan Hotel. For a number of years he has contemplated taking up a residence in New York city.

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The 10th Semi-Annual BYCK BROS. CLOTHING SALE.

We had more stock than usual this win-FOURTH DAY. ter, because it hasn't been a good winter for winter clothes, and also because we have been carrying a greater line throughout the year. But the clearing sale will be a shorter one than common. The demand during the first days of the sale has been brisk and constant. The piles of clothing are melting away.

prevent possible disappointment: \$18.00 Suits now...... 9.60 | \$20.00 and Overcoats \$18.00 Suits now....... 11.30 | \$30.00 and Overcoats Wales 17.60 \$27.50 and Coat and Vest 13.80 | \$40.00 and Full Dress Suits 27.60 \$18.00 Tuxedo Coats slik-lined 12.85 FO.00 Trousers.....

We give again a brief list of the bargains and suggest early calls to

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Until the Strike is Over.

country. The operatives are now looking for

ward to a long strike. Most of the 9,000 who

are idle have drawn their last pay. The Po

tomska, Hathaway, and Acushnet were paying

their help to-day. Some of the weavers ex-

pected that there would be deductions in the

way of fines, and there have been threats of

disturbance if any part of the wages should be

withheld. Policemen were on duty at the mills.

but their services were not required, except to keep the operatives in line, and no difficulty of any kind occurred. Not a case of fining was

eported. The State Board of Arbitration will visit the

The State Board of Arbitration will visit the city again next week. Commissioner Barry thinks with the fines question out of the way there is good reason to believe that an amicable adjustment of the trouble can be reached, but there seems little to encourage him in the attitude of employers or employed.

FALL HIVER, Mass., Jan. 21.—The situation at the King Philip Mills is unchanged. No. 4 mill will close to-morrow, so that the entire plant will be shut down until the end of the wages eight. The owners are throwing out some mules and putting in frames, but this has no effect upon the strikers. The weavers have decided to demand a restoration of the former rate, and the decision will be reported to the general meeting on Monday night.

CIGARETTE GIBLS WIN.

The Young Foreman They Objected to Has

Been Deponed.

The cigarette girls who struck about six weeks ngo at the factory of Seldenberg, Stiefel & Co. in East Sixty-third street because their foreman was too young, won their strike yesterday. The

girls belong to the All Tobacco Cigarette Makers' Union, and the strike was settled through the

Union, and the strike was settled through the efforts of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, with which this union is affiliated.

The girls, it is alleged, maintained that the foreman was conceltor. He parted his hair in the middle, they said, and kept a mirror before him as he sat at his desk, using it partly to admire himself and partly to have an eye on what the workers were doing behind his back. The obnoxious foreman has been deposed. The strikers will have a jubilation meeting on Monday and return to work on Tuesday.

STRIKE AT A SHIPYARD.

Union Workman at the Globe Plant in Clove-

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 21,-Labor troubles have

started again at the plant of the Globe Ship-

building Company. This afternoon the mem-bers of the Boller and Iron Shipbuilders' Union

upon hearing that their demand for the dis

charge of the non-union men employed at the

charge of the non-union men employed at the shipowners' dock, now under control of the Globe Shipbuilding Company, had been rejected, refused to continue work and left the premises. A meeting was held afterward, at which arrangements were made for a long struggle. The boilermakers were joined by all the other union men in the mechanical department.

About 300 men went out, leaving only the laborers and a few others at work in addition to the non-union men. About 500 men are affected by the strike.

Building Strikes Declared Off.

nell and in sympathy with the union

The general strikes against J. B. & J. M. Cor-

smiths were declared off yesterday by the Board of Walking Delegates. The members of the board would not say on what basis the strikes had been settled. It is believed that the demands of the strikers were modified, or that the board backed down.

TRYING DEPUTY WARDEN O'SHEA.

restimony About Lax Rule in the Tembe at

Night-Keepers Ron Things.

The charges made by Warden Fallon of the

Fombs against Deputy Warden Edward O'Shea

were tried yesterday by Commissioner Lantry

n the Warden's office. Fallon testified that he

selleved that O'Shea was mentally weak, incom

petent, and cowardly. The witness told how

Ratcliffe, the actor, had been let out of his cell

for three hours one night to drink whiskey with

friends in the prison office.

Tombs Keeper Henry Meyers testified that on

New Year's eve five of Ratcliffe's friends called

at the Tombs and remained with Rateliffe for a

at the romes and remained with Rateliffe for a long time in the Warden's office. Deputy War-den O'Shea seemed to be afraid of them.
"When they had gone." continued Meyers, "I found Deputy Warden O'Shea hiding behind the kitchen door. He said he was afraid of those strangers and was glad that they had left the prison."

o'Shea, the witness said, was afraid to make

STILL A BOARD OF ERIN.

A Small Party in the A. O. H. Stands Out

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is stirred by

Bishop McFaulfof Trenton to arbitrate. The sub-

stance of the Bishop's decision was that all the members of the two warring boards resign and

160, 162 & 164, N. Y.

UP-TOWN STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 9:30 O'CLOCK. EMPTY GLORY FOR SPAIN.

> General and His Forces. Senor Estrada Palma, the Cuban delegate, gave out the following statement yesterday: "Juan Masso Parra, who, as reported by Gen. Blanco, has surrendered in Cuba to the Spanish, is neither a relative of the President of the Cuban republic, Gen. Bartolome Maso, nor. a General in command of Cuban forces, as Gen,

> Collapse of the Erported Surrender of a Cuban

"Juan Masso Parra, a former Cuban officer, was court-martialed some time ago and reduced to the ranks. He really commanded no forces in the Cuban army, and, as is declared to-day by this Delegation in its official organ, the Patria, the column which he formerly led was placed by Gen. Gomes under command of Gen. A. Rego.

"About the other alleged officers who are said by Blanco to have surrendered also, neither I nor any one else in the Cuban army knows them at all. As it is impossible that Cuban officers could be better known to Gen. Blanco than to the Cuban army, I should say that they are mere pacificos and concentrado who accompanied Masso Parra into town, as was the case in the famous surrendering of the Cuervo brothers in Havana, about which so

much noise was made by Gen. Blanco. "Both cases are equally indifferent to us and have not the least influence in the Cuban war,

"Both cases are equally indifferent to us and have not the least influence in the Cuban war. We have fully 35,000 well armed and equipped men all over Cuba. Every day our ranks are swelled by men eager to give their lives for the freedom of their country, and it is a fact known the world over that we have not arms and ammunition enough for all those who wish to fight against Spain in Cuba."

As an instance of how reports of surrenders in Cuba are concected by Gen. Blanco, Secretary Congosto and Sefor Dupuy de Lome, in order to impress public opinion in the United States with the idea that the Cubans are ready to accept autonomy, Sefor Palma showed a copy of El Nacional, a newspaper edited in Madrid by the rabid Spaniard, and ex-Minister, Don Francisco Romero Robledo, in which the gravest charges are made against the Spanish Government in this respect. El Nacional says that when some unimportant Cuban accepts a bribe from the Spaniards and surrenders the Spanish authorities surround him with hundreds of hungry concentrades and then announce that be is a General or a Colonel who accepts autonomy, bringing over with him a numerous hand of insurgents.

"It is easy," added Señor Palma, "to spread such news abroad for a few hours, when there is only one direct cable from Havana to the United States and no despatches are allowed to pass over it without previous examination by several Spanish military press censors."

STEAMER TILLIE HAS FLOWN.

Uncle Sam's Agents Instructed to Watch for Those who are interested in preventing fillbustering expeditions leaving United States

purchasers. After changing owners, the Tillie was taken to the Eric Basin, as was stated, to be made into a coal barge.

Notwithstanding that fact, at 3:55 o'clook on

Wednesday afternoon, John McAllister took out clearance papers for the Tillie for Key West.

Disappearance of William Castra. William Castra, 26 years old, left his home at 110 Butler street, Brooklyn, on last Saturday night to get shaved. He did not return and has



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Corner 13th, Corner Canal, Near Chambers CARHART & CO.

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STRIKERS APPEAU FOR AID. New Bedrond, Mass., Jan. 21.-The strike mong the cotton mill operatives is no nearer s ettlement than it was the day it began. Otis N. Pierce, Treasurer of the Grinnell Mill and Secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, said this evening: "There is no change in the situation." Representatives of all the local textile unions net this afternoon and framed an appeal for aid, which will be sent to every union in the

took part:

.. Hotbach ans Schwartz.
ans Poltz.
Night Watchman.
Conductor.

the shelves of American composers nobody knows, and therefore a positive estimate cannot be given. At all events "Meistersinger" is full of interjectional phrases bandied about from one to another of the singers, while the melodies are angular almost to impossibility, and the so-called accompaniment—really a continuous symphony—rather tends at every moment to throw the artist off his entrances than to help him on. Then the action is quick and incessant and demanding. In spite of every inherent drawback, however, there was a very fine rendition of the opera last evening. The best Hans Sichs that ever sang the rôle was there, and it was pleasant to see announced in a footnote upon the handbill of the evening that on Feb. 8 a testimonial performance of "Die Meistersinger" will be given to Herr Lischer in honor of the fortleth anniversary of his appearance on the stage.

Mine, indiski's Era is familiar, and her rôle benefited, where it was already sufficiently admirable, by the good condition of her voice, which is in perfect order. Herr Kraus was quite stiff in manner, not by any means as pliant, gracious or graceful as the ideal Walther should be. The hero of "Die Meistersinger," though courtly, ought to be above all amiable and genial and free and unconstrained—a true, frank child of nature. The immense power of Kraus's tone is gratifying in this exacting rôle, whose music should easily dominate all the rest, and whose climaxes and high notes ought to be reached without an effort. But a little more meliowness of finbre suits the part better than hard and intensely vibrant tones that lack a trifle of sympathetic quality. The Darid was most satisfactory—unaffected, humorous, and as grotesque as he ought to be, Mme. Stautigl's Magdalena was one of the best yet seen, both vocally and dramatically. The seen, both vo

Charles R. De Freest has resigned his place as

O'Shea, the witness said, was afraid to make his tours of the prison alone, and sometimes omitted them when he could get no essort. Once O'Shen mistook the witness for a visitor. His memory was bad. He paid very little attention to the prison affairs, and allowed the keepers to run things.

Keeper Daniel O'Neill repeated the testimony about Ratcliffe's whiskey party, and also testified that when Waiter K. Freeman was a prisoner in the Tombs under Night Warden Middleton he was never locked in a cell except when a strange keeper came on duty at night. Freeman was prinited to roam about the prison, smoking cigars.

The hearing will be continued on Tuesday next. new dissensions. In December the differences between the "American Board" and the "Board of Erin" factions were submitted to

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members of the two warring boards resign and that a new board, around which all the members of the order could raily, be elected.

To the terms of the arbitrator's decision all of the American Board agreed, as did also a majority of the members of the Board of Erin. About 100 members of the latter faction, however, refused to abide by Bishop McFaul's decision, and refused to attend a meeting of the order called at Central Hall, 229 East Forty seventh street, for the purpose of making a reorganization along the lines recommended by the Bishop. Instead, they have called a national convention to be held at Murphy's Hall, 806 Eighth avenue, to-day, for the purpose of forming a new organization, to be known as the "Ancient Order of Hiternians, Board of Erin." Edward L Carey leads them. By any other.

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ports for Cuba are wondering just now what has become of the venerable freight steamer Tillie. The steamer was sold recently by the Central Vermont Railroad Company, and the McAllister Brothers of Brooklyn are said to have been the

clearance papers for the Tillie for Key West.

According to the papers, the steamer was to make the voyage in ballast. Almost immediately after the vessel cleared, she steamed over to the Communipaw coal dock and began taking on coal. Hetween Wednesday afternoon and 4 o clock Thursday morning she had taken on eighty tons. Now she has departed.

Early this week the Treasury Department as Washington was informed that an armee expedition was about to leave this port for Cuba. The department informed the United States Marshal here and the Spanish Consul informed Pinkerton's detective agency. The orders to the Marshal and to the Pinkertons were to look out for the Tillie. The reason that these orders were given was because the McAllister Brothers, supposed to be in sympathy with the Cubans, were the reputed owners of the craft and because "Dynamite" John O'Brien, who has been interested in more than one fillbustering expedition, was known to have been in town early in the week and to have left the day the Tillie cleared for Key West.

The Government has warned its agents all along the coast to look out for the Tillie. She carried a crew of eleven men and was commanded by Capit Herry.

not been seen or heard of since. His wife says he was despondent over business troubles, and she fears that he has committed suicide. Mrs. Castra's first husband disappeared mysteriously six years ago, and two weeks later was found drowned in the East River.